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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Boiled Down For the Edification of The Enterprise Readers.

MUST HAVE CERTIFICATE. And it Must be Vised by an American Consul.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Judge Beatty rendered a decision in the habeas corpus case of Fan Ow Bow this afternoon in the United States circuit court. The case was a test of the recent decision of Justice Field, of the United States supreme court, declaring that the construction placed on the exclusion act by the latter tribunal was that no Chinese subject could land in this country unless he had a certificate from his government to the effect that he was a merchant, or had been a merchant of good standing in the United States. Judge Beatty held that, under the decision, the Chinese could not come into this country without a certificate from the government of which he was a subject, which must be vised by the American consul at the port of embarkation. The case will be appealed to the United States supreme court.

GREAT RAILWAY COMBINE. The Great Northern, Soo and Canadian Pacific.

Lines of Steamships to be Run in Connection on Two Oceans.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 16.—The greatest railroad combination ever known in the West came to light today. The deal is nothing less than a combination in one system and under one management of the Great Northern, Canadian Pacific and Soo systems of railways. While, of course, nothing is known definitely and officially concerning this great scheme, it comes from sources that give it a strong color of authenticity, and the probability of its truth is strengthened by many incidents which have transpired of late. Indications have been numerous of some sort of an agreement between Thomas Lowry and Jim Hill, presidents, respectively, of the Great Northern and Soo. As the latter is practically controlled by the Canadian Pacific it follows that there is some friendly agreement between the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific. Another incident which has some significance is that President Hill is now making a tour of the Canadian Pacific, between St. Paul and the coast, in company with Lord Mount Stephen, the most prominent member of the Canadian Pacific directorate. Along about 1880, when Lord Mount Stephen was plain George Stephen, he was president of Manitoba road, now the principal line on the Great Northern system. Afterward he was made president of the Canadian Pacific and it was under his administration of the road's affairs that the Canadian Pacific road was pushed through to the Pacific coast. For his services in this the queen made him a peer of the British realm. He is now the controlling spirit of the Canadian Pacific and whatever he decides in connection with it is strictly carried out.

But the great scheme is projected on a grander scale than the mere combination of the three roads named. It also includes both trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic lines of steamships. The trans-Pacific line is already established and the steamships are making regular trips. The trans-Atlantic, it is said, will be established just as soon as the combination of the road, is consummated. Halifax will be the port from which the steamships will sail on this side, and they will probably go to Liverpool. It is possible that a line to Germany may also be established. The traffic between England and China and Japan will not only be diverted largely to this route by way of America, but will be carried by one great corporation under one management. When the trans-Atlantic line of steamships is established and the country through which the roads run is fully developed, two trunk lines between St. Paul and the Pacific coast will be required to take care of the traffic.

A Preacher Goes Wrong.

CHE-ELUM, Wash., Sept. 15.—Rev. Dr. Walker and Joseph Walker, brothers, aged 55 and 60 years respectively, were arrested near here several days ago on charges of burglary and receiving stolen goods. In the superior court yesterday the jury in the case of the reverend brother disagreed, standing ten for conviction and two against, but the other brother was today found guilty. The Rev. Walker is a well educated minister of the Presbyterian faith, and a member of the Council Bluffs presbytery, but he is badly addicted to the use of strong drink. He was arrested once before for burglary, but escaped on a technicality, and has figured frequently in justice courts for drunkenness.

To Manufacture Tin.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—J. W. Fowler, attorney for the Harney Peak Tin Mining Company, of Rapid City, S. D., is in this city. He says the English syndicate has taken and paid for the stock of the company to the amount of \$3,000,000. The total stock of the company is \$15,000,000. Fowler says the company will have tin on the market in large quantities within a year.

DOES IT MEAN WAR?

Hold Move of the British in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 14.—A detachment of bluejackets and marines from a British ironclad, accompanied by a battery of light field pieces and several galling guns, landed yesterday morning at Sigi, on the island of Mitylene, formally occupying that place in the name of the queen of England. There is a good harbor at Sigi, and it is supposed the British naval officers at Mitylene intend to fortify the island to make it a coaling station and rendezvous for the British Mediterranean fleets. Sigi is on the coast of Mitylene, and is about sixty miles from the mouth of the Dardanelles.

It is stated that the French and Russian ambassadors here have received telegrams from their respective consuls in Mitylene announcing the occupation of Sigi, and stating that guns had been loaded and the inlet surrounded by torpedoes.

A BIG RAILWAY SUIT.

The Southern Pacific Defendant in a Case Involving Millions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A Washington special says: A very important case will be heard before Justice Field, of the United States supreme court, on the 20th inst. It is the first hearing in a suit brought by the United States government in California, involving the question whether the Southern Pacific Company, of Kentucky, can exercise the general corporate powers and especially hold leases of railroad corporations in other states. As is well known, the charter for the Southern Pacific Company, of Kentucky, was secured by C. P. Huntington, for the purpose of taking the leases of the Central Pacific, the California & Oregon, the Southern Pacific, of California, and other railroads forming the so-called Huntington system. As the leases involve guarantees, interest and dividends on hundreds of millions of securities, the great importance of the case will at once be seen. It is considered by lawyers a dangerous suit for the defendant company.

BAD FIRE IN NEW YORK.

The Old Commercial Advertiser Building Consumed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A fire broke out in the old Commercial Advertiser building at 9:15 this morning. In fifteen minutes the flames were beyond control. Many people were in the building, and some of them had to slide down the fire escape through a dense smoke. It is believed that all escaped. From the first it was seen nothing could save the building, and attention was directed to saving the adjoining property. There were numerous narrow escapes. John Gibbs, who was on the second floor, came down the fire escape so rapidly that his clothes were torn and his hair singed. There was a considerable scarcity of water at the commencement of the fire. At 10:30 it was under control. A few minutes later the outer walls of the entire Fulton-street front fell with a crash, and so great was the concussion, the windows were shattered in the Bennett building, but no one was injured. The building was occupied by clothing, clock and jewelry firms, printers, etc. The total loss on the stock and building is estimated at \$400,000, most of which is insured. Other estimates place the loss between \$500,000 and \$750,000. A lot of loose diamonds, which were on the tables of the diamond workers in the building were lost. They were valued at several thousand dollars.

The Keystone Bank Matter.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Acting Secretary Spaulding has received a letter containing the resolutions adopted by the Citizens' Committee of Fifty of Philadelphia, requesting Secretary Foster to do all in his power toward providing means for a continuance of the investigation into the affairs of the Keystone National Bank. It is probable that if the Citizens' Committee raises the money to pay for the continuation of the services of the experts it will be continued, but the Secretary cannot guarantee that any money thus expended will be refunded by Congress, although he might recommend that a special appropriation for such purpose be made.

Washington's hop yield should be about 60,000 bales this season, but owing to many unpropitious circumstances it will probably be far short of this. No more than 400 or 500 bales of last season's crop yet remains in the state.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Twenty-three Seriously Injured Five Fatally.

DENVER, Sept. 13.—Passenger train No. 314, bound for Denver, on the Graymont division of the Union Pacific, was wrecked this morning about 11 o'clock, near Beaver Brook station, and twenty-three passengers were injured. Five of them will probably die. The train was late and running very rapidly. When rounding a sharp curve the express car left the track, and rolled down a fifteen-foot embankment. It was followed by the mail and two passenger cars, one of which turned over twice before reaching the bottom. The train was loaded with passengers, many of whom were Knights of Pythias, who were returning from the state convention, which was held at Aspen last week. When the news reached Golden a wrecking train was ordered out, and was starting when Robert Pruin, an employee of the road, attempted to board the engine. In doing so, his revolver fell from his hip pocket. The hammer struck a stone and the weapon was discharged. The ball took effect in his body, making a wound which will result fatally. Those seriously injured in the wreck were left at Golden in the hands of physicians, while those not badly hurt were brought to this city and taken to their homes and the hospitals. The seriously injured are:

Mrs. Cutchmacher, of Blackhawk, Col.; Ruhfelgerner, merchant of Blackhawk; Geo. B. Tarr, conductor; of this city; —Burnett, of Nevada, Col., and Mrs. Waters.

Some of those less seriously injured are: E. L. Warren, George Ault, W. Browning, W. B. Wardeck, R. C. Vide, J. S. Lallie, W. C. Dusseldorf, Earnest Howard, E. N. Dunsore, Frank Boderick, Hogle, C. C. Davis, Mrs. Stearns, a child 8 years of age, Henry Hovey, John Windell, M. Forrey and Owen Jones.

It is not known what caused the wreck but as the track was a narrow gauge, and the coaches very top-heavy, it is thought the train was running too rapidly for safety.

Gored to Death.

CORNELIUS, Sept. 13.—William Chalmers, a pioneer stock-raiser of this county, was instantly killed this afternoon by a vicious steer. The animal gored him in the stomach, the horn going almost entirely through his body. Chalmers was 75 years old, and leaves a widow and a large family of grown children.

THE PENSION OFFICE.

Commissioner Raum Makes a Statement of the Condition of Business.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Replying to a query of General Enoch, congressman elect from Ohio, as to why there was not uniformity in the answers to his calls for the status of pension claims, Commissioner Raum has written General Enoch a lengthy letter pertaining to the settlement of claims in the Pension Bureau. In the letter Commissioner Raum states he is doing all he can to secure a prompt adjudication of all claims. On the first of July there were 523,787 claimants who had never been pensioned and 395,698 claims for increase, making a total of 919,485 pending claims.

In addition to letters of inquiry, etc., from members of congress, the office last year received over 1,270,000 communications from claimants, their friends and attorneys, inquiring regarding their claims. These communications poured in at the rate of 3800 per day. The receipt of every one of them was acknowledged, but it is physically impossible to at once give the status of cases to which they relate. Some are reached more rapidly than others, which accounts for the fact that definite replies to some letters are received in a shorter space of time than others. Members of congress alone sent nearly 155,000 communications regarding pension claims last year. To answer this at once would not be justice to claimants and their friends other than congressmen. All are taken up in their turn.

The letter concludes: "Where a member of congress is cognizant of the fact that an old soldier is in such a condition, physically or financially, as to render it imperative that his claim should have immediate attention, and that fact is brought to my notice, I do not hesitate to have the case called up and examined and the status given, and in such cases I would be glad to respond to your letters."

Residents in the timbered districts of Clatsop and Tillamook counties say that large gray wolves are becoming more numerous, and that they are rapidly destroying the elk, as they kill the young calves in the spring, and even the old ones when they catch them alone. A bounty on wolf scalps would, in their opinion, do more to protect the elk than the rigid enforcement of game laws.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

News of Oregon.

In the midst of the unpleasantness over the payment of Oregon Pacific employees, the following from the *Oregon Review* will be read with interest: "John Claypool has sold his land at the crossing of the O. P. surveys on Deschutes, to a capitalist of Philadelphia, who, it is said, is connected with the O. P. Co. When capitalists begin buying land along the proposed line of this road, it creates a hope that the road may yet be built."

The corner stone of the new Masonic temple was laid Friday at Hillsboro with imposing ceremonies. The royal craft is doing considerable building throughout the jurisdiction this year.

The cars of the Oregonian Railway Company commenced running to Springfield Tuesday. The telegraph line has not yet been strung, nor the depot completed, but work is being pushed on them.

Mrs. Jerry Deady and William Burman, miners of the Greenhorn country, arrived in Long Creek Friday, being en route to the mines of Fox valley. Both miners are of long experience, Mr. Burman having followed the business for the last forty years and having worked in every mining district on the Pacific coast. Mr. Burman was the original locator of the Monumental mine in Greenhorn, which is today the most valuable mining property in that entire district.

Mr. Sam Baily, one of the owners of the White Swan mine, the recently discovered rich strike in Baker county will leave for Portland next Saturday for the purpose of purchasing a mill plant, and inside of the next two weeks the stamps will be dropping.

During and since the fire at The Dalles seven births have occurred among those who are its victims. A number of persons are now suffering from pneumonia and some are afflicted with measles. The relief committee is doing everything in its power to meet the needs of the sufferers, but a great deal of suffering will never be known.

The government snagboat is still at work below Weston. The windmill there, which has just been completed, is 400 feet in length. Captain Rabbe, who has the work in charge, is doing the work faithfully and well, says the *Dayton Herald*. The Three Sisters went up to Lambert's landing, above Weston, on Monday and took down a load of wheat without any trouble. Work is now progressing on the dam just below Weston, which is to be 175 feet in length. The windmill at Candama, just below where the boat is now at work, will be extended, and will be 100 feet in length. The snagboat went up the river as far as Harrisburg. On the trip up and down the river from Portland the boat pulled 419 snags. Captain Rabbe has orders to take his boat to Portland on the 20th of September.

Benton county farmers can, by hauling their wheat to Corvallis, ship it to Portland, a distance of eighty-eight miles by rail, for 3 cents a bushel, while the rate from McMinnville to Portland, a distance of fifty miles, is 6 cents. Corvallis is a shipping point on the Willamette river, boats plying between that point and Portland during a number of months, more or less according to the season each year. McMinnville, though situated near the Yamhill river, a navigable stream, is owing to the unimproved condition of the river, practically inland, hence, practically at the mercy of the railroad companies.

Washington Notes.

Kittitas county has sold 25,000 head of sheep for \$87,500 this year. There are 40,000 still in the county, and the wool clip of 2,800,000 pounds, at 15 cents a pound, would bring \$420,000.

Vancouver has been chosen as the place of meeting of the Pioneer Association of this state in 1892. It is quite appropriate that one of the oldest towns in the state should be selected for the reunion of the state's oldest citizens.

Cowitt Advocate: A great wagon road scheme is afoot for Western Washington. It is to have a public highway from the Straits of Fuca to the Columbia river. This movement means a coast road nearly 300 miles in length extending across the state. The result would be the immediate settlement of a big unoccupied territory which would add immensely to the wealth and population of that portion of the state.

Pullman has sold her school bonds of \$25,000 at a premium of \$60, and as soon as possible work will be commenced on the new school building.

The recruiting station at Seattle has not been the success expected by the government. The station has been established seven weeks, and in that time nine men have been received and sent to Vancouver barracks.

The county commissioners of Lewis county have instructed the auditor to advertise for bids for the purchase of the bonds of the county to the amount of \$100,000 with which to redeem the outstanding county warrants.

The United States coast survey steamer Hassler is now on Puget sound awaiting the arrival of Lieutenant Clark from Newport, R. I. She will then proceed to survey and chart the coast from Flatrock southward.

J. H. Wagner, of Montesano, had an exciting time with a mountain lion last Monday. It came into the yard and killed a calf. Mr. Wagner and his dog were in pursuit of the brute, when the dog got too close, and he was also killed. The intruder then escaped to the woods.

Six hundred and twenty votes, only half of those registered, were polled at Whatcom Saturday on bonding propositions. Bonds of \$88,000 to pay the outstanding city debt were carried almost unanimously. The proposition to bond for \$180,000 for municipal purposes was carried by thirty votes more than the necessary three-fifths. City officers cautious, and persons without property interests took a lively interest in carrying the bonds, and many heavy taxpayers threatened legal resistance against the issuance of bonds.